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ABC COMMISSION APPROVES BREVARD ABC STORE; TAKES ACTION ON 24 HEARING VIOLATIONS

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission today voted to approve an ABC store requested by the Brevard ABC Board for 61 Forest Gate Shopping Center, Pisgah Forest. Consideration of the request included more than 45 minutes of comments for and against the request as well as questions from members of the Commission.

The proposed location is an existing shopping center near the entrance to Pisgah National Forest. Several representatives of the Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, which is located roughly 1.5 miles from the shopping center, spoke in opposition to the proposed store location. Representatives of the Brevard ABC Board spoke in support of their request, which will be the second store operated by the board and will be in a growing area of the community.

The new store will have proposed hours of sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, which Commission staff noted is more restrictive than hours for other businesses nearby that can sell alcohol from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. six days a week and from noon to 2 a.m. on Sundays.

In other action, the Commission levied more than \$28,000 in fines or suspensions of five days or more on representatives of 24 clubs, convenience stores, restaurants and other businesses holding permits to sell alcohol in North Carolina. Fines begin May 31 and suspensions June 7.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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